

Dr. Seymour E. Harris joins UCSD faculty

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The noted United States political economist, Professor Seymour E. Harris of Harvard University, will join the University of California, San Diego, faculty this summer, Chancellor Herbert York said today.

Professor Harris appointment is effective July 1 when he will become Professor of Economics, York announced. A member of the Harvard faculty for 41 years, Harris, 65, is at present Lucius N. Littauer Professor of Political Economy and Senior Consultant (Economic Advisor) to Secretary of the Treasury Douglas Dillon.

In 1960-61, he was a member of President Kennedy's Task Force on the Economy, and since 1961 he has been an occasional Advisor to the President. Professor Harris was also economic advisor to Adlai Stevenson in 1954-56.

From 1955 to 1959, he was Chairman of the Economics Department at Harvard.

Educated at Harvard and Princeton, Dr. Harris received the David A. Wells Prize in 1927 at Harvard for his Ph.D. thesis. Except for governmental duties during World War II, and two leaves of absence to teach at Cornell and Stanford, he has continued as a member of the Harvard economics faculty since 1922.

Professor Harris has served in numerous governmental posts since World War II, when he was Director of the Office of Export-Import Price Control, a member of the Secretary of State's Committee on Postwar Commercial Policy, and Economic Advisor to the Vice-Chairman of the War Production Board on the Civilian Economy.

He has served as Representative for the United States on the Organization for European Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), Committee on Education and Productivity. Since 1961, he has been a member of the Public Advisory Committee on Area Redevelopment.

Professor Harris is the editor of the "Review of Economics and Statistics," and "Public Policy," a publication of the Harvard Graduate School of Public Administration. He has been the Associate Editor of the "Quarterly Journal of Economics" since 1946, and was named Advisory Editor of the "Journal of Sociology of Education" in 1963.

He has written and edited over 40 books and economic reports since 1930, and is the editor of the McGraw-Hill Economics Handbook Series of 20 volumes.

Professor Harris is President of the Harvard Chapter of American Association of University Professors and Chairman of the Committee on Ph.D. in the Social Sciences.